



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster County Attorney's Office, and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On April 29, 2009, an indictment was unsealed charging a Lincoln couple, John and Tami Rieck, with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine over approximately a two-year period and three counts of distribution and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Tami Rieck was also charged with one count of distribution and possession with intent to distribute oxycodone and hydrocodone.

Name of Defendant: John S. Rieck

AKA:

Age: 31

City of residence: Lincoln

Name of Defendant: Tami M. Rieck

AKA Tami Fuller

Age: 27

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Count I: Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. Counts II-IV: Distribute and possess with the intent to distribute a

mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1). Count V: (Tami Rieck only) Distribute and possess with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance and a mixture or substance containing hydrocodone, a Schedule III controlled substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1). The possible penalty for Count I is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment. Each of Counts II-V carries a possible penalty of up to 20 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than three years, and there is a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Wahoo, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Count I: At least 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) of a substance containing methamphetamine; Counts II-IV: Unspecified amounts of a substance containing methamphetamine. Count V: Unspecified amounts of oxycodone and hydrocodone.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: none

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Count I: Between on or about January 1, 2007, and on or about January 31, 2009; Count I: November 26, 2008; Count III: December 4, 2008; Count IV: December 29, 2008; Count V: April 8, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: April 28, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: April 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 30, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s):

Sentencing Date:

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Trial, set to begin on June 29, 2009

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: both Riecks were held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: April 28, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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